

Among my best friends growing up in Arkansas were the wonderful Villalon family, who fled Cuba and escaped the tyranny of Castro. I was best friends with the kids in elementary school. The father of the family was a leader in our church and our Boy Scout troop, and the mother was my Spanish teacher.

The Villalon family had the opportunity to grow up in a free country, one that provided jobs, opportunities, and freedoms that every human should have access to. Unfortunately for my friends in Arkansas, it took them fleeing their homeland and escaping the grips of communism to get a taste of the freedoms that we Americans enjoy each and every day.

During my career I have seen firsthand the systematic destruction of commerce, community, and human spirit by communism.

So, Madam Speaker, I stand with the Cuban people, and I call on our Nation's leaders to do what we can to support a new and free Cuba.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA).

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, Americans everywhere are feeling the real effects of inflation due to the Democrats' reckless spending spree.

Basic and time-tested economics show that more money in the marketplace leads to inflation, especially when it is created by new debt.

Families across the country are paying \$10, \$20, \$30 more on groceries each week. Gas prices are up nearly 50 percent.

Remember the ads for the \$6 burger that used to be \$3.99? You used to see it on TV. Well, they are actually going to be \$6 pretty soon the way things are going.

Democrats claim that they are working for the American people. Their policies are, in fact, hitting middle-class families hard. The American people are noticing.

It is no coincidence that inflation has increased every month during the Biden administration. They need to understand that all the money they keep spending directly and negatively impacts real Americans.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN).

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the troubling impact that inflation is having on the American people.

Raising a family during good economic times is hard enough, but times of high inflation make it even more difficult. With prices rising at paces not seen since 1991, families are being forced to make tough decisions and stretch their paychecks even further.

During his Presidential campaign, Joe Biden promised not to raise taxes on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year. However, his spending habit is fueling inflation, which is a tax on every American. In fact, it is worse

than an ordinary tax because it is regressive, hitting the working class the hardest.

President Biden and Democrats would have the American people believe that debt doesn't matter, and that the government can spend an endless amount of money on whatever they like. However, that could not be further from the truth.

To stop the cost of things from accelerating even higher, we must end our spending addiction and get the national debt under control.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time we have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I yield the remainder to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE).

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand for the people of Cuba who are marching against the Communist government that has oppressed them for decades.

In recent weeks, the Cuban activists have been kidnapped, jailed, and murdered for daring to stand against the Communist regime.

Now is the time to stand against this brutality. We must urge world leaders to cease all support for the Communist regime in Cuba.

We must ensure that Cubans can communicate freely with each other and with the outside world. We must forcefully denounce the Cuban dictatorship that has committed these crimes.

The Cuban people are rising up in the name of opportunity, the opportunity that they see just 90 miles away on the American shores.

As the Cuban people protest in the streets, they are chanting, "Libertad," liberty. They are carrying American flags, and they are calling out for freedom.

Now is the time for us to stand with them. It is time to put an end to the murderous regime that has held the people of Cuba hostage for the past 61 years.

Freedom. Freedom for all. Freedom for Cuba. Let them see what we have here. Let them attain that freedom.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1652. An act to deposit certain funds into the Crime Victims Fund, to waive matching requirements, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on June 30, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2441. To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to assess certain mental health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs available to veterans who live in rural areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1651. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Data Collection and Inventory for Services Contracts (DFARS Case 2018-D063) [Docket: DARS-2020-0007] (RIN-0750-AK30) received July 16, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1652. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE: Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Respite Care [Docket ID: DOD-2016-HA-0112] (RIN: 0720-AB69) received July 16, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1653. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0030] (RIN: 0790-AL16) received July 16, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1654. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting proposed legislation to amend Section 1433 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 3001-2) to require drinking-water systems to take actions to improve their cybersecurity; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1655. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting an action on a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-1656. A letter from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), transmitting the Corporation's General and Legislative Annual